

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
(Case No. 05-693)**

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks before examination on the merits.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.